MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

(“Swinburne”)

and

ANNA UNIVERSITY

(“Anna”)
Date: February 2022

PARTIES:

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY a body politic and corporate under the Swinburne University of Technology Act 2010 (Vic) of John Street, Hawthorn in the State of Victoria, Australia ("Swinburne")

AND

ANNA UNIVERSITY is a public state university offering higher education in Engineering and Science and Technology, with the main campus located at Guindy, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600025, India ("Anna")

BACKGROUND

A. The parties have been in discussions in relation to the Proposal described in Item 4 of the Schedule (the "Proposal").

B. The parties enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to record their current aims and as an expression of their intent to proceed on the basis outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding and pursue negotiations among themselves to endeavour to give effect to those aims.

OPERATIVE PART

1. AIMS

The overall mutual aim of the parties is to pursue the Proposal.

2. INITIAL STEPS

For the purpose of promoting the Proposal the parties are prepared to take, free of charge and obligation, the respective steps described in Item 5 of the Schedule. The parties agree that no legally binding obligations will arise between them until a separate formal contract is entered into.

3. ASSUMPTIONS, FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

The steps described in Item 5 of the Schedule are indicative only and depend on assumptions that may change as the Proposal progresses. Future negotiations, steps and documentation will be affected by such changes.

4. ONGOING REVIEW

Until such time as a separate formal contract is entered into between the parties in relation to
the Proposal:

(a) the parties will conduct regular and ongoing reviews of the Proposal and their respective participation;

(b) if at any time either party decides that the Proposal is not viable they may withdraw their participation; and

(c) the party may terminate this Proposal immediately without penalty if it is found to be in breach of any laws or if required to by the regulatory authorities of either Party.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY

The terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and any negotiations between the parties are confidential and must only be made known to those officers and employees of the parties who need to know.

6. PUBLICITY

A party must not make a public announcement relating to this Memorandum of Understanding or any negotiations between the parties without the prior written consent of the other party.

Neither party is entitled to use the other party's name, logo or any other related promotional material without the prior written consent of the other party.

7. NON-BINDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is being signed by the parties to evidence their in-principle non-binding intentions. The parties acknowledge that other than clauses 5 and 6 no legally binding obligations arise between them as a result of the signing of this document. Binding obligations other than those set out in clauses 5 and 6 are only intended to arise upon the signing of a separate formal contract. Any action taken by a party in anticipation of a formal contract will be at the sole risk of that party.
EXECUTED as an Agreement

SIGNED for and on behalf of SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY in the presence of:

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Dr Douglas Proctor
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement)

Date signed: 03 / 02 / 2022

Signature of Witness

SIGNED for and on behalf of ANNA UNIVERSITY the presence of:

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Prof. R. Velraj
Vice-Chancellor

Date signed: 04/02/2022

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Prof. G. Ravikumar
Registrar

Date signed: 04/02/2022

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Prof. G. Nagarajan
Director
Centre for International Relations

Date signed: 04/02/2022
SCHEDULE 1

1. Date: 1 February 2022

2. Swinburne Contact for notices:
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4. The Proposal:
   In signing this Memorandum of Understanding, the parties agree to explore collaborative activities in the following areas:
   - Articulation Agreement in areas of aligned curriculum;
   - Collaborative research projects;
   - English Language programs in Melbourne;
   - Online delivery of joint short courses and professional training programs;
   - Professional development programs for Anna Professors or staff;
   - Professional Internships and work integrated learning programs; and
   - Student exchange and study abroad programs.

5. Respective Steps to be taken:
   It is anticipated that an agreement subsequent to this Memorandum of Understanding will be signed to formalise any future collaboration between the parties. Further discussion is required to bring this to fruition.

6. Term:
   This MoU will be valid for a period of three (3) years, with an expiry date of 31 January 2025, unless terminated by either party in writing.